

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of districts with students like ours: 9.

The absolute ratings for those districts ranged from good to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from below average to average.

Definitions of District Rating Terms

Excellent- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

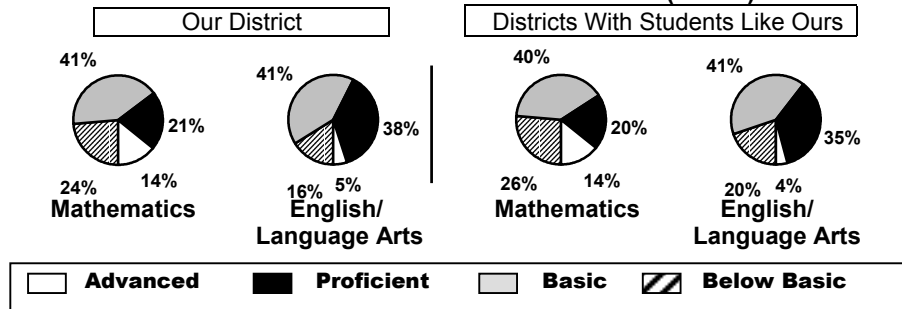
Good- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average- District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average- District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Percent of Seniors Passing the Exit Exam	Percent of Seniors Qualifying for LIFE Scholarships	Percent of Students Scoring Basic or Above on the PACT	
			ELA	Math
All Students	90.7%	23.1%	83.9%	76.3%
Students with disabilities other than Speech	N/A	0.0%	58.3%	32.9%
Students without disabilities	90.7%	24.2%	87.1%	81.3%
Gender				
Male	88.8%	21.4%	80.7%	75.5%
Female	92.6%	24.9%	88%	77.6%
Ethnic Group				
African-American	76.5%	18.4%	73.8%	60.6%
Hispanic	N/A	0.0%	64.1%	57.1%
White	92.7%	24.1%	86.5%	79.3%
Other	87.5%	16.7%	78.7%	77.5%
Lunch Status				
Free/ Reduced-Price Lunch	73.3%	12.8%	72.6%	60.5%
Pay for Lunch	93.3%	24.5%	90.4%	84.7%

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees		
	1999	2000	2001
Our district			
Passed all 3 subtests	67.4%	74.3%	76.2%
Passed 2 subtests	17.8%	14.5%	13.7%
Passed 1 subtest	9.5%	6.6%	7.2%
Passed no subtest	5.4%	4.6%	3.0%
Districts with students like ours			
Passed all 3 subtests	69.8%	75.2%	75.7%
Passed 2 subtests	16.2%	14.1%	13.4%
Passed 1 subtest	9.0%	7.4%	7.1%
Passed no subtest	5.0%	3.3%	3.8%

LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions

	Eligible	Percent of Seniors Meeting Grade Point Average Requirement	Meeting SAT/ACT Requirement
Our District	23.1%	57.3%	24.1%
Districts Like Ours	25.9%	55.3%	27.8%

College Admissions Tests: Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT Verbal		SAT Math		SAT Total		ACT English		ACT Math		ACT Reading		ACT Science		ACT Total	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
District	487	483	484	484	971	967	19.8	19.2	19.9	19.3	21.2	19.8	20.2	19.2	20.4	19.5
State	484	486	482	488	966	974	18.7	18.8	19.2	19.3	19.5	19.5	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3
Nation	505	506	514	514	1019	1020	20.5	20.5	20.7	20.7	21.4	21.3	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0

These tests were administered to samples of students:

Terra Nova Test: A national, norm-referenced achievement test.

Percent scoring in upper half

	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

National Assessment of Education Progress : A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

Percents of Students

Test	Grade	Year	Advanced		Proficient		Basic		Below Basic	
			State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

DISTRICT PROFILE

INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

	This District	Change from Last Year	Districts With Students Like Ours	Median District
DISTRICT				
• Dollars per student	\$5,330	N/A	\$5,671	\$6,464
• Prime instructional time	90.1%	Down from 90.3%	90.6%	89.4%
• Student-teacher ratio	21.8 to 1	N/A	21.8 to 1	20.2 to 1
• Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0%	N/A	0.3%	0.6%
STUDENTS (n=7,877)				
• Advanced placement/ int'l baccalaureate program exam success ratio	75.6%	N/A	55.6%	43.8%
• Attendance Rate	96%	Down from 96.1%	96%	95.7%
• Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	6.5%	N/A	4.8%	5.8%
• Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	4.2%	N/A	3.8%	4.5%
• Retention rate	2.4%	No change	4.1%	6.0%
TEACHERS (n=467)				
• Professional development days per teacher	6.8 Days	Up from 6.5	7.7 Days	7.8 Days
• Attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 95%	95.6%	95.2%
• Advanced Degrees	55.2%	Down from 56.4%	53.5%	44.4%
• Continuing contracts	78.4%	No change	81.5%	81.4%
• Out-of-field permits	1.5%	Up from 0.2%	1.8%	2.2%
• Teachers returning from the previous year	92.2%	Down from 93.3%	91%	89.5%
• Average salary	\$40,011	Up 4.4%	\$38,843	\$37,143

DISTRICT FACTS

DISTRICT				
• Annual dropout rate	2.8%	Down from 3.6%	2.3%	2.9%
• Percentage spent on teacher salaries	54.9%	N/A	55%	50.9%
• Superintendent's years in the district	10	N/A	8	3.5
• Parent conferences	78.1%	N/A	78.1%	81.0%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
• Number of schools	11	No change	13	8
• Number of alternative schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of magnet schools	0	N/A	0	0
• Portable classrooms	10.5%	N/A	2%	6.5%
• Attendance rate of district office staff	97.9%	Up from 97.5%	97.6%	97.5%
• Average administrative salary	\$64,918	Up 4.6%	\$65,484	\$64,098
STUDENTS				
• Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Percent of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Suspensions and expulsions	28	N/A	81	100
• Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	12.5%	Down from 12.6%	14.9%	10.5%
• Percentage with disabilities other than speech	8%	Up from 7.6%	9.4%	10.5%

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Grades K-12

Enrollment: 7,877 Students

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Spartanburg School District Two has attained another successful year. Our schools and students experienced various academic and extracurricular achievements. As usual, district staff members did an outstanding job meeting and exceeding the needs of students.

District Two was one of several school districts throughout South Carolina that participated in the pilot report card program designed to give feedback on success levels of schools. None of our schools scored below average. Six were categorized as "Good" schools, and one attained a rating of "Excellent." These ratings were based on student test scores on the PACT.

Over 21 million dollars' worth of district building projects were completed this past year. These projects included a new junior high school in Boiling Springs and major additions at four elementary schools (Boiling Springs, Hendrix, Mayo, and Cooley Springs-Fingerville). We are currently beginning construction on a new elementary school in the Boiling Springs area to help alleviate overcrowded conditions in this rapidly growing area.

District Two has put great effort into making schools safe for students and staff. In the state's most recent school incident report, District Two ranked second for the fewest number of incidents on school campuses. The district has ranked number one or two for three consecutive years.

As always, the district enjoys wonderful community support. The parents and patrons of Spartanburg District Two contribute immeasurably to the school system. Without their ardent commitment to quality education, many of the school accomplishments and amenities would not be possible.

Finally, I want to thank the Board of Trustees for their leadership and support. District Two is fortunate to have such dedicated people who work diligently to make sure our district is meeting the needs of students. They truly put students first.

Sincerely,
James O. Jennings
Superintendent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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